



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:

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Application No.: 09/717,576

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For: A SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR
VERIFYING SETTLING, PRINTING
AND GUARANTEEING CHECKS
AT A REMOTE LOCATION

Examiner: John M. Winter

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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

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Sir:

✓ In response to the Office Action, mailed September 16, 2003, Applicants submit the following claims. Please amend the above-identified application for patent as follows.

No claims have been amended and claims 21-22 have been added. Claims 1, 3-7, 12, and 14-22 remain pending in the application